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AMCONSUL ASMARA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CISCO II

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1. WITH MRS. HARRELL REMAINING IN ASMARA, ONLY THING WE CAN DO NOW IS AWAIT DEFINITE WORD THAT CAMPBELL AND HARRELL HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND THEN ATTEMPT TO MESH THEIR AND HER TRAVEL SCHEDULES. BECK INFORMS US THAT CISCO ASMARA WILL BE ABLE AT HIS DIRECTION TO PURCHASE TICKET FOR MRS. HARRELL TO TRAVEL TO FRANKFURT EITHER VIA KHARTOUM OR NOT, DEPENDING ON SITUATION AT TIME. WE WILL CABLE BECK'S AUTHORIZATION AT SAME TIME AS WE NOTIFY ALL CONCERNED THAT RELEASE HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE. IF RELEASE HAS NOT OCCURRED BY TIME BECK (AND BAKER) LEAVE KHARTOUM FOR ADDIS MARCH 20, BECK WILL THEN TAKE CARE OF MRS. HARRELL'S TRAVEL PERSONALLY FROM ASMARA.

2. WE WISH ENDORSE AMCONSUL ASMARA'S PLEA THAT COMMUNICATIONS BE KEPT ON ONE TRACK. WE HAD NO IDEA THAT BAKER INTENDED VISIT KHARTOUM. WE MIGHT WELL HAVE COUNSELLED AGAINST IT HAD WE KNOWN, SINCE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN HANDLING MULTIPLE VISITORS ARE PROLIFERATING. BREWER

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